

NEWS RELEASE | FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE | April 13, 2022

## **WEATHER-RELATED ANNOUNCEMENT: 11 a.m. CT Update**

Human Services' offices in Grand Forks and Grafton are closed today, April 13

Department offices tentatively scheduled to reopen at 1 p.m. tomorrow, April 14

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' offices in Grand Forks and satellite office in Grafton are closed today, April 13, due to hazardous weather conditions. These offices join other department direct client service locations in Bismarck, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Jamestown, Minot, Rolla, Valley City and Williston that are closed today.

Department officials tentatively set a 1 p.m. reopening for all of these direct client service locations tomorrow, April 14.

Department offices in Fargo are the only DHS offices statewide that have not been impacted by the winter storm. Fargo offices remain open for normal business hours.

Weather conditions for the other portions of the state will be reassessed tomorrow morning, in partnership with representatives from the Bismarck and Grand Forks National Weather Service offices, to determine if office closures are needed.

**IMPORTANT:** People experiencing a behavioral health crisis should call 211 for immediate help. The crisis line is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

## **IMPACTED OFFICES:**

**Bismarck region**: West Central Human Service Center in Bismarck and the regional vocational rehabilitation office in Bismarck are closed today, April 13.

**Devils Lake/Rolla region**: Lake Region Human Service Center in Devils Lake, its satellite office in Rolla, and the regional child support and vocational rehabilitation offices in Devils Lake are closed today, April 13.

**Dickinson region**: Badlands Human Service Center in Dickinson and the regional child support and vocational rehabilitation offices in Dickinson are closed today, April 13.

**Grand Forks/Grafton region**: Northeast Human Service Center in Grand Forks, its satellite office in Grafton and the regional child support and vocational rehabilitation offices in Grand Forks are closed today, April 13.

**Jamestown/Valley City region**: South Central Human Service Center in Jamestown, its satellite office in Valley City, and the regional child support and vocational rehabilitation offices in Jamestown are closed today, April 13.

**Minot region**: North Central Human Service Center in Minot and the regional child support and vocational rehabilitation offices in Minot are closed today, April 13.

**Williston region**: Northwest Human Service Center in Williston and the regional child support and vocational rehabilitation offices in Williston are closed today, April 13.

Office closure decisions are made for the safety of clients and team members and align with closures of other community clinics and government organizations.

Weather-related office closure information can be found on the department's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> pages and <u>website</u>.

Child support customers can conduct normal business 24-hours a day on that division's secure website at <a href="https://www.childsupportnd.com">www.childsupportnd.com</a>.

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